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1. DESIGNER KARJALA ARRIVE AUG 7. STAYING AT MARITSA HOTEL.
2. CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BOOTHS ON SCHEDULE WITH ALL PLATFORMS IN PLACE, BACK PANNELS, DIVIDERS AND FICIA INSTALLED. WIRING OF LIGHT FIXTURES IN PROGRESS. CORE AREA ROUGH CONSTRUCTION 80 PERCENT COMPLETE WITH UTILITIES INSTALLED. VERY HEAVY RAINS AUG 13 RESULTED IN SOME BACK-FLOODING OF PAD, CAUSING DELAY OF ONE DAY (NOT CONSIDERED CRITICAL AT THIS TIME).
3. GUIDES INTERVIEWED AUG 11 AND 14. SOME REPEATERS FROM U.S. PAVILION LAST YEAR. UNIFORM SIZES CABLED VONTILLIUS AUG 15. FOR ECONOMY REASONS, STARTING GUIDES EMPLOYMENT SEPT 2. ADVISE IF WILLIAMSON NEEDS DEMONSTRATORS ASSIGNED TO HER AREA BEFORE THEN, OR ANY OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH MAY REQUIRE LONGER TRAINING TIME.
4. NO PROGRESS WITH "BALKANTOURIST" REGARDING FIRM ROOM

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ASSIGNMENTS BEYOND THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

"BALKANTOURIST" WARNS THAT ADDITIONAL ROOM RESERVATIONS
WILL PROBABLY BE IN PRIVATE FLATS.

5. FAIR AUTHORITIES CHARGING GLAHE \$35 PER DAY FOR WORKING
HIS CREW BEYOND 6 PM WEEKDAYS, AND \$280 PER DAY FOR WORK
ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. WE ARE PROTESTING THIS THREAT TO
TIMELY COMPLETION OF EXHIBIT.

6. RES: REQUEST RIZZIE CONTACT GLAHE, COLOGNE, SOONEST
AND URGE IMMEDIATE \$5,000 BANK TRANSFER TO PLOVDIV FAIR
AGAINST COSTS OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS. FAIR NOW
UNWILLING TO DELIVER URGENTLY NEEDED MATERIALS.
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